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Application Number	09/768,931
Filing Date	January 24, 2001
First Named Inventor	Kanayama
Art Unit	1712
Examiner Name	D.J. Buttner
Attorney Docket Number	55551 (71360)

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application**

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

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iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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APPLICANT: Kanayama, et al. EXAMINER: D. J. Buttner  
SERIAL NO.: 09/768,931 GROUP: 1712  
FILED: January 24, 2001  
FOR: THERMOPLASTIC RESIN COMPOSITION CONTAINING A  
NAPHTHALENE DICARBOXYLIC ACID MOIETY AND AN  
ALIPHATIC DIOL MOIETY (AS AMENDED)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application is an RCE of prior U.S.S.N.: 09/768,931, filed on January 24, 2001. Before consideration on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth herein.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the Title of the Invention, on page 1, as follows:

THERMOPLASTIC RESIN COMPOSITION CONTAINING A NAPHTHALENE  
DICARBOXYLIC ACID MOIETY AND AN ALIPHATIC DIOL MOIETY